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SUBJ: SPECIAL TRADE OPPORTUNITY - SUDANESE AIRPORT CONSTRUCTION

1. DIRECTOR OF CIVIL AVIATION AL SIR HASSAN BASHIR TOLD  
EMBOFF JAN 18 THAT GOS WOULD WELCOME COMPREHENSIVE  
PROPOSALS FOR DEVELOPMENT OF PROVINCIAL AIRPORTS AT NYALA,  
EL FASHER, GINEINA, EL OBEID, ROSEIRES, GEDAREF, KASSALA,  
DONGOLA AND MEROE. BASHIR SAID NEED WAS NOT FOR CONSULTANTS  
BUT FOR COMPANIES WILLING AND ABLE DRAW UP FLEXIBLE MASTER  
PLAN AND SUPERVISE ITS IMPLEMENTATION BY STAGES ON TURN-KEY  
BASIS. AIRPORTS WOULD NOT BE ELABORATE, MAIN INITIAL  
REQUIREMENT BEING CAPABILITY OF DAY OR NIGHT HANDLING  
OF BOEING 707 AND 737 AIRCRAFT CURRENTLY IN SUDAN AIRWAYS  
FLEET OR ON ORDER. PROPOSALS BACKED UP WITH FINANCING WOULD  
HAVE ADVANTAGE IN COMPETITION, BASHIR SAID.

2. BELIEVE OPPORTUNITY IS EXCELLENT ONE FOR COMPANIES  
INTERESTED IN LONG-TERM INVOLVEMENT IN SUDANESE AIRPORT  
CONSTRUCTION, FOR WHICH WE CONSERVATIVELY ESTIMATE SPENDING  
WILL EXCEED \$150 MILLION IN NEXT TEN YEARS. EVEN IGNORING FACT  
ROAD AND RAILROAD NETWORK ARE TOTALLY INADEQUATE, SUDAN AS  
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AFRICA'S LARGEST COUNTRY IS NATURAL FOR EXTENSIVE INTERNAL

AIR TRANSPORT SYSTEM. MOREOVER THERE GOOD POSSIBLILITY OF MAJOR AIR FREIGHT TRAFFIC DEVELOPING FOR EXPORT OF SUDANESE LIVE-STOCK AND OTHER HIGH-VALUE AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS TO MARKETS IN EUROPE AND MIDDLE EAST. IBRD FUNDING, ALREADY AUTHORIZED FOR STUDIES ON AIRPORTS IN JUBA, WAU, MALAKAL AND PORT SUDAN, MIGHT BECOME AVAILABLE FOR TOHER PROJECTS AS WELL, WITH ARAB MONEY FOLLOWING IN CONSTRUCTION STAGE. WHILE GOS HAS NOT FORMALLY SOUGHT PROPOSALS, TIME APPEARS TO US IDEAL FOR U.S. COMPANIES EXPLORE MARKET PPTENTIAL FIRST HAND.

3. THOSE INTERESTED SHOULD ARRANGE VISIT TO SUDAN, IF POSSIBLE, OR OTHERWISE WRITE MAJOR GENERAL AWAD AHMED KHALIFA, COMMISSIONER GENERAL FOR DEVELOPMENT, NATIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION, P.O. BOX 2092, KHARTOUM, SUDAN.  
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